NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NEWINGTON TOWN HALL 131 CEDAR STREET NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE ROOM 3 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010 7:00 P.M.

# I. MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN THOMAS SHIELDS
COMMISSIONER KEVIN CHICK
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL GERHART
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL LONGO
COMMISSION DAVID MARSDEN
COMMISSIONER MARY NIRO
COMMISSIONER DANA WOODS

COMMISSIONER THOMOAS BOWEN, ABSENT COMMISSIONER JAMES MAROCCHINI, ABSENT COMMISSIONER GREG POLK, ABSENT COMMISSIONER FERNANDO ROSA, ABSENT

PRESENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TOWN PLANNER, EDMUND MEEHAN

# II. MEETING MINUTES- MAY 5, 2010

Commissioner Gerhart made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2010 minutes and Commissioner Chick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

## A. BUSINESS CALL PROGRAM REPORTS

Chairman Shields passed out the Classic Car show flyer that will be held Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Market Square.

Commissioner Woods remarked that SAVERS on the Berlin turnpike is doing very well.

Ed Meehan reported that P.C. RICHARDS will occupy the former Circuit City site, an appliance store.

## B. NATIONAL WELDING PROJECT STATUS

Mr. Meehan reported that Mystic Environmental Laboratories recently assessed the remaining large machinery and kilns to be sure that there were no asbestos materials present. Jeff Baron, the business agent for the Town Manager will advertise for possible sale of the machinery. Of concern also is the roofing material which is full of asbestos, which would be a labor intensive effort. Once the building is down and the site remediated, the Town Council could put out a request for restoring the site. There is \$450,000.00 in the FY2010-11 CIP set aside for the access road, which would open up National Welding, the busway site and Hayes-Kaufman, directly to Fenn Road.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

# A. STATUS OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE I AND II

Mr. Meehan reported that Phase I has been essentially completed with the paving completed last Friday and then Phase II will begin, the east side being allocated \$420,000.00 by the Town council and construction will begin once the we set side has been finalized and all bills paid. Phase II will require the contractor to complete work by September 1, 2010.

# B. STATUS OF MARKET SQUARE STREETSCAPE P ROJECT

Chairman Shields reported that an engineering firm will be chosen at the next week's meeting, interviews of the three short listed firms will be held June 7, 2010.

# C. DRAFT #3 PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Mr. Meehan reported that this draft plan is before the Town Council for its review and comments.

## VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

## VII. REMARKS BY COMMMISSIONERS

Mr. Meehan reported that the State Department of Transportation has set aside forty million dollars for the intercity rail system – New Haven, Hartford, Springfield line. The double track design will begin this summer with Newington requiring this new tracking, benefiting the Stamm Road flooding area.

Commissioner Marsden voiced concern regarding the traffic light at Fenn and Holmes Roads.

Chairman Shields reminded the commissioners that meetings traditionally are suspended for the summer and we will reconvene in September, 2010.

# VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Niro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Glenn Recording Secretary